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REMARKS

In response to the Patent Office Letter of July 23, 2009, the Applicant respectfully requests re-examination and reconsideration. It is noted that the Examiner has indicated that claims 2, 3, 6-8, 13-18 and 23-26 are allowed. In the Patent Office Letter the Examiner has rejected claims 19-22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Nozaki et al. In view of the cancellation of claims 19-22, this rejection should now be overcome.

It is believed that with the amendments in the claims, all claims in this application should now be in condition for allowance.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims pending in the above-identified application are in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If the present application is found by the Examiner not to be in condition for allowance, then the Applicants hereby request a telephone or personal interview to facilitate the resolution of any remaining matters. Applicants' attorney may be contacted by telephone at the number indicated below to schedule such an interview.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge any fees incurred as a result of the filing hereof to our Deposit Account No. 19-0120.

Respectfully submitted,

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